

**2003-2004
MICHIGAN
TEACHER OF THE
YEAR
APPLICATION FORM**

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Michigan Teacher of the Year 2003-2004 Application

Instructions:

- ❖ Please provide **all** information requested in the application form.
- ❖ Signatures of the candidate, the candidate's principal and the candidate's district superintendent (chief school administrator) must be provided.
- ❖ Please limit your answers to the number of pages requested in each section - type size no smaller than 10 point. In order to provide all applicants with an equal opportunity, **only the number of pages requested will be accepted**. Any additional pages and/or materials submitted will not be presented to the State Selection Committee.
- ❖ Each application must include **one photograph** for publicity purposes. It **must be a**
- ❖ 5" x 7" head shot color glossy or digital photo on disk.
- ❖ Section I (Pages 1-2) **must be submitted on the form provided**. Section II-VIII may be produced using your word processing system, but please adhere to the format established in the application. Number the sections and the pages. Repeat the appropriate heading and question at the top of each page. However it is accomplished, what should result is a clean, clear copy suitable for easy duplication.
- ❖ The entire application package (including support materials and 3 copies of the application) **must be submitted to the Regional Coordinator by the close of business on December 13, 2002**.

A list of the Regional Coordinators is included. This document and MTOY supplemental material are posted on MDE's website at www.michigan.gov/mde/mtoy.

Do not hesitate to contact Rhonda Mitchell, Michigan Teacher of the Year Program, at 517-241-4285 or mitchells@michigan.gov if you have questions concerning the application procedure.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION/SIGNATURES

Nominee Name _____

Home Address _____

City State Zip Code () Telephone

E-Mail Address _____

District Name _____ County _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City State Zip Code () Telephone

School Profile (check one): ___ Urban ___ Suburban ___ Rural

Number of Students in Nominee's: District _____ Building _____

Major Subject Area (if any) _____ Grade Level _____

Total Years of Teaching Experience _____ Years in Present Position _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all of the attached materials (other than home address, and telephone) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program. I also acknowledge that if selected as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, I will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of my recognition in order to fulfill the obligations inherent in the honor.

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

(Section I. Continued - General Information/Signatures)

SCHOOL/BUILDING PRINCIPAL

Name _____ Title _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City State Zip Code Telephone ()

I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.

Signature of School Principal _____ Date _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Name _____ Title _____

Business Address _____

City State Zip Code Telephone ()

I acknowledge that the nominee submits this application with my approval. If the nominee is selected as the Michigan Teacher of the Year, he or she will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.

Signature of District Superintendent _____ Date _____

II. Educational History and Professional Development Activities - (two double-spaced pages)

For Section II, you may submit a professional resume or vita that contains this information. If you do not have a resume or vita that contains this information, please answer the following questions.

- A. Beginning with most recent, list colleges and universities attended including post-graduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and date of attendance.
- B. Beginning with most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- C. Beginning with most recent, list professional association memberships including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- D. Beginning with most recent, list staff development leadership activity and leadership activity in the training of future teachers.
- E. Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

III. Professional Biography - (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

IV. Community Involvement- (one double-spaced page)

- A. Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities, and other group activities.

V. Philosophy of Teaching - (two double-spaced pages)

- A. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
- B. How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching styles?

VI. Education Issues and Trends - (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What do you consider to be the three major public education issues in Michigan today? Address one in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

VII. The Teaching Profession - (two double-spaced pages)

- A. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession?
- B. What is the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?
Do you agree that this should be the basis for accountability in the teaching profession?
If yes, why? If no, why not?

VIII. Michigan Teacher of the Year - (two double-spaced pages)

- A. As the Michigan Teacher of the Year, you would serve as a spokesperson and representative for the entire teaching profession. What would be your message? (One page)
- B. The Michigan State Board of Education's Ensuring Excellent Educators Task Force released a plan in April 2002. Below are strategies consistent with goals in that plan. As the Michigan Teacher of the Year, the department will ask that you work with them on 2-3 projects. Please select from the strategies below and describe how you would go about implementing one of them. (One page)
- (1) Build a network of award winning teachers that supports novice teachers in Michigan and is available to advise state policy makers.
 - (2) Model a more engaged style of professional development that is relevant to the real concerns of teachers in classrooms.
 - (3) Develop a repertoire of services that you could provide to Michigan's under-performing schools using the networks of the Michigan Department of Education's Partner Educators and Field Service representatives.
 - (4) Communicate with individuals from business, industry and social services the opportunities in the teaching profession for mid-life career changes.

IX. Letters of Support -(three letters)

Include **three** letters of support, including contact information, from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent, or civic leader.

X. Publicity Photograph

Include with the application package one photograph (5" x 7" head shot color glossy or digital photo on disk) for publicity purposes.

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